

**Rule Development Agenda
January – June 2010**

The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period. There may be additional rule making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

1. **Northern Spotted Owl.** The Board approved an emergency rule in November 2009 that establishes a temporary process (from January 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010) in which a three-person spotted owl conservation advisory group may evaluate certain northern spotted owl sites to determine whether they need to be maintained while the Forest Practices Board completes its evaluation of rules affecting the Northern Spotted Owl. The Board is concurrently conducting permanent rule making and as a result of the Northern Spotted Owl Working Group recommendations to accomplish the same goal.
2. **Trees and Houses.** The Board may consider rule making to amend rules to allow for harvest of danger trees adjacent to residential home sites.
3. **Conversion Activities.** The Board may consider rule making to amend rules that implements Senate Bill 5883 to provide a process to apply for a forest conversion application for another use.
4. **Notice of Forest Practice to Affected Indian Tribes.** The Board may consider rule making to clarify rules that require landowners to meet with tribes when an application involves a cultural resource.

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